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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: SEMIFINISHED FLAT TUBE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME, FLAT TUBE, HEAT EXCHANGER COMPRISING THE FLAT TUBE AND PROCESS FOR FABRICATING THE HEAT EXCHANGER

ELECTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election Requirement dated April 10, 2008, Applicants elect the first species; the embodiment of Figures 1-7 (Fig. sheets 1-6), and identify Claims 1-14, 20, 22 and 23-28 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-14, 20, 22 and 23-28 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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